



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Mr. Gerardo Rios
Chief, Permits Office
U.S. EPA, Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

SUBJECT: City of Riverside Public Utilities Department, Power Plant Expansion Project,
Facility ID No. 139796, Facility Location: Riverside Energy Resource Center,
5901 Payton Avenue, Riverside, CA

Dear Mr. Rios:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has received and reviewed permit applications for the subject gas turbine power plant project. The City of Riverside is proposing to add two (2) additional turbines, nominally rated at 95 megawatts (MW) total, to their existing 96 MW natural gas fired power plant located at the Riverside Energy Resource Center, at 5901 Payton Avenue, in the City of Riverside. This power plant will operate annually on an intermittent basis during periods of high electricity demand.

Based on the emission potential, this project is subject to the public notice requirements of AQMD Rules 212 (Standards for Approving Permits) and 3006 (Title V), and has applied for a significant permit revision under the Title V regulation. Therefore, this project is subject to a 45-day EPA review and a 30-day public notice period under AQMD Rules 212, 3003, and 3006.

The AQMD has evaluated the subject permit applications and made a preliminary determination that the equipment will comply with all of the applicable requirements of our rules and regulations. We intend to take final action on the permit at (1) the end of the 30-day public comment and review period and after all pertinent comments have been considered, (2) upon California Energy Commission certification of the Small Power Plant Exemption, and (3) upon receiving and consideration of EPA comments on the Title V significant permit revision.

Please find enclosed AQMD's analysis, the draft Title V permit and the public notice for the subject project issued in accordance with AQMD Rules 212 and 3006. The public notice provides for a 30-day public comment period and a 45-day EPA review period prior to making a final decision on issuance of the permit. The public notice is also being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the project, and it is also being forwarded to other interested parties.

If you wish to provide comments or have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Marcel Saulis at (909) 396-3093/ msaulis@aqmd.gov or Mr. John Yee at (909) 396-2531/ jyee@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Mills".

Michael D. Mills
Senior Manager
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